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Summertime fun at wintertime resorts

Utah ski resorts shows their flair for summer activities, including the popular Alpine Slide.

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Get rich quick? Not too likely!

Schemes are too good to be true

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Christen Durham, 21, a junior at Utah Valley State College, was solicited by a friend to invest $2,000 for an easy return of $32,000.

Durham said she decided to invest only after being assured by her friend that it was completely legal, but within a week, Durham heard a news story reporting such investments as illegal.

Durham said she went back to her friend demanding the money back, but he said he no longer had it.

She was involved in an apparent pyramid scheme, said Dan Stowe, detective for the Provo Police Department. Although they may be disguised by names such as gifting clubs or financial groups, they all function the same and are typically illegal, Stowe said.

Even though Utah law protects citizens from pyramid schemes, victims will get little, if any, money back, said David Wayment, deputy attorney for Utah County.

"The best advice is if the deal sounds too good to be true, it usually is," Stowe said.

Wayment said people should beware of anything that separates risk from return.

Six small claims cases have been filed in Provo against two local individuals, Troy Dyches and Mike McMurtry, with whom Durham was involved, said Chris Killpack, deputy clerk in the Fourth District Court.

Four of those cases came against the defendants, and three of those have been appealed, according to court files. Two of the cases were dismissed. None of the plaintiffs have had any of their money returned.

Even if the cases on appeal are decided in favor of the victims, there is little chance of the money being returned, Killpack said.

"If the sum is not paid within eight years it becomes void, and he will no longer owe the money," he said.

Killpack said the only way to further ensure the payment of the awarded money is to obtain a garnishment of wages or a bank account.

Durham said she and her friend, Clint Morris, who also paid $2,000, got lucky after filing a small claims suit against Dyches and McMurtry.

"Someone from a court TV show called us up and asked us to be on their show," she said.

Durham said she initially did not want to go, but she knew her chances of winning in Provo's small claims court were small, so she accepted.

"I figured if I am going to lose I might as well get a free trip to New York, and a couple hundred bucks," she said.

Morris and Durham said they won their suit for $2,000 each because they had a copy of Utah's law on hand. Judge Hatchett told them that without it they would not have been awarded anything.

The law states, "Any person who knowingly organizes, establishes, promotes or administers a pyramid scheme is guilty of a third degree felony.

"Any person giving consideration [money] in connection with a pyramid scheme may ... bring court action to recover the consideration."

Despite the law, victims can still lose in court. It is usually because of a lack of preparedness, Stowe said.

"If you stutter just once, they move on to the next case," he said.

To be prepared, a plaintiff must know the law that protects them and must be able to defend their actions well, Stowe said.

On an average day in small claims court, a judge will see 30-40 cases, Killpack said.

Even though Durham and Morris won their case, they said their victory was bittersweet. Dyches and McMurtry never actually had to pay Durham and Morris back, Durham said.

The money awarded to Durham and Morris was paid by the television show.

The county attorney's office has decided to file suit against Dyches on 10 charges of third degree felony, deputy attorney Wayment said.

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Clint Morris and Christen Durham invested in a scheme that almost lost them $2,000 apiece. They recovered their money after going to a TV court.

file photo

Tom Green pauses after the trial where he was convicted of bigamy. State prosecutors are requesting he take a psycho-sexual evaluation before he is sentenced.

Polygamist may take a psycho-sexual evaluation

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State prosecutors are requesting that convicted bigamist, Tom Green, undergo a psycho-sexual evaluation before he is sentenced.

Green was found guilty on four counts of bigamy May 18. His sentencing was scheduled for June 27, but the evaluation will likely cause a delay.

Paul Murphy, Director of Communication for the Utah Attorney General's Office, said the request came from Judge Guy Burmingham after the investigation during the pre-sentencing report.

Defense attorneys for Tom Green are opposed to the evaluation — a measure reserved for sex offenders.

Attorney John Bucher told the associated press he believes the evaluation is a ploy by the state to smear Green's image before he is sentenced.

"I think they'd like to put the spin on it that he's a welfare-abusing sex maniac," Bucher said.

Juab County Attorney, David Leavitt, said he believes bigamy can be classified as a sex crime, because Green married 13- and 14-year-old girls and has children by them.

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>
> —Tom Green

Green faces additional charges of child rape for his sexual relations with his wife Linda Kunz when she was 13-years old.

Green told the Deseret News he will consent to the evaluation.

"I welcome the opportunity to have it determined once and for all that I am not a pedophile," Green said.

The evaluation will likely take a month to complete. Green could face up to a total of twenty-five years for his five convictions.

The trial date for the child rape charges has not been set.

Ceasefire talks resume as CIA head packs bags

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — CIA Director George Tenet resumed ceasefire talks Tuesday with Palestinians after Bush administration officials said he would return home without an accord.

It is an evolving situation, and Tenet still might fly back to Washington shortly, a U.S. official said.

"He has to finish his meetings, and then he will determine his travel plans," Philip Reeker, a State Department spokesman, said.

It was not immediately clear whether Tenet had let it be known he was packing his bags as a tactic to accelerate consideration of his internationally backed proposal to extend an 11-day-old tenuous ceasefire.

Reeker said even if Tenet returned to Washington, the Bush administration would keep pressing for a halt to the violence that has plagued the area for nine months.

Israel had accepted Tenet's proposal for maintaining the ceasefire and going on to "confidence-building" measures, but the Palestinians withheld their approval.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, described Tenet's mission as a work in progress. He said the CIA director had not given up on it.

A third U.S. official said Tenet felt the two sides had dealt with the issues responsibly and that the talks had not broken down but he decided to take a break.

Tenet had presented a detailed paper to the two sides on how to strengthen the cease-fire and move from it to tentative steps toward a resumption of negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians.

The U.S.-led peace drive had attracted international support. U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan is due to visit the region along with Javier Solana, the European Union's foreign policy chief.

Working in concert with William Burns, a veteran American diplomat, the Bush administration sought to extend the cease-fire without any preconditions. But, preliminary discussions were held with the two sides on ways to move further along what Secretary of State Colin Powell calls a "timeline" toward new peace talks.

Powell, traveling in Europe with President Bush, scheduled a meeting with Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres in Brussels, Belgium, Wednesday evening.

Meanwhile, Bush has backed off a campaign pledge to move the U.S. Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem, and will keep it in Tel Aviv, at least for now.

While the president remains committed to starting a process to move the embassy to Jerusalem, which Israel considers its capital, the mission will stay put, the administration said Monday.

The location of the embassy is a sensitive issue in efforts to negotiate peace in the Middle East, where close to 500 Palestinians and Israelis have died since violence flared anew in September.

During his campaign, Bush promised to move the embassy to Jerusalem, an act that would lend support to Israeli claims to the city as its undivided capital. Palestinians insist part of Jerusalem should be the capital of a Palestinian state.

When former President Clinton first ran in 1992, he, too, advocated moving the embassy from Tel Aviv. Clinton never acted on the promise, even though Congress several times tried to force his hand by approving money for the move. He said the embassy would change conditions for negotiations committed to be both sides to determine the city's future.

AFP Photo

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat walks with CIA chief George Tenet before their meeting in the West Bank town of Ramallah on Thursday. Tenet resumed cease-fire talks Tuesday.

DEVOTIONAL

aker advises dents to keep pel a priority

Rex D. Pinegar of the First rm of the Seventy of The ch of Jesus Christ of Latter- aints counseled students at evotional to remember the practical teachings of the

ng this demanding time of tional studies and pursuits it for us to be reminded of actical teachings of the and their place as priori- our lives," Elder Pinegar

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Pinegar bore witness of werful impact of prayer, scriptures, obedience and ss on our lives.

ough living these simple ples you and I will find blessings of enlightenment ng us to make a greater ution of good in the lives of " he said.

ord's gospel requires the ort in our lives.

—*Emiko Lowe*

UTAH

d, rain buffet h as storm hits ver lines, trees

SALT LAKE CITY — Winds as high as 80 mph and an inch of rain fell as a moving, late-afternoon erstorm swept across the ch Front on Tuesday.

power reported at least a power lines downed by and falling trees, effect- least 20,000 customers in southeastern Idaho and n Wyoming, according to Eskelsen, Utah power aman.

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ional Weather Service rologists said the storm stretched from Brigham uth to Utah County.

winds have been the big with this storm, said er Service meteorologist nger.

the Great Salt Lake, a 84 mph was recorded. Salt Lake City, gusts from mph were recorded and ere numerous reports of d trees and power lines.

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WORLD

ppean tour es concerns U.S. defense

RID, Spain — President pened his first European h the defensive Tuesday, g his case for a missile shield and debating with ver global warming and punishment.

and Spanish Prime Minis- se Maria Aznar took ers' questions at a joint nference.

one day after the United executed Oklahoma City Timothy McVeigh, a reporter asked if Euro- leaders might be able to Bush's mind on the death which he favors but most ans passionately oppose.

was also pressed to his pursuit of a missile shield despite opposition allies who fear he will a new arms race.

wo leaders also reaffirmed ommitment to free trade ATO expansion.

—*Associated Press*

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Purchase of power rights sparks debate

WASHINGTON — The investment firm Morgan Stanley has quietly spent $29 million to buy available power transmission capacity between California and Oregon through early 2003, leading to fears it could use its holdings to jack up energy prices in the Northwest.

Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., said he has written the Bonneville Power Administration asking for assurances the Northwest will be able to keep its "reliable, affordable" energy source.

Morgan Stanley spokeswoman Judy Hitchen said Morgan Stanley acquired the transmission capacity from Bonneville Power Administration in order to meet its obligations to deliver power to customers in the Northwest and has no intention of manipulating the market.

Bonneville, the federal power marketing agency in the Northwest, operates major transmission lines between Oregon and California.

Episcopal schism unlikely, bishop says

SALT LAKE CITY — Debate over same-sex unions and ordination of gay clergy has strained the 2.4 million-member Episcopal Church, but Presiding Bishop and Primate Frank T. Griswold insist an outright schism is unlikely.

"There are passionately held points of view, and the passionately held points are always the opinions you hear most loudly," said Griswold, who was in Salt Lake City on Monday for the concluding day of the church's executive council meetings.

"But for the vast, diverse center, which makes up the overwhelming majority of the Episcopal Church, there is a sense that we are all in this together as fellow members in Christ's body," he said. "That is the operative reality not our disagreements."

For several years, the church has been torn over whether it should consecrate same-sex unions or ordain women and gay priests.

China's aid to Cuba concerns officials

WASHINGTON — China has been transferring military equipment to Cuba, a top State Department official said Tuesday, adding that the deliveries are a matter of administration concern.

James Kelly, assistant secretary of state for East Asian affairs, confirmed the activities in response to a question during a hearing of a House International Relations subcommittee.

"We are very much concerned with this PLA (People's Liberation Army) cooperation and movement of military equipment in Cuba," Kelly said.

Kelly offered no other details and said he needed more information before commenting further.

Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, R-Calif., asked Kelly about the China-Cuba military link, basing his question on a report in the Washington Times, which said China was shipping arms and explosives to Cuba.

Later, State Department spokesman Philip Reeker had no comment on the report except to say the administration "has not made a determination that China has transferred lethal military equipment to Cuba."

Stockton's return depends on new tax

SALT LAKE CITY — John Stockton has said he wants to return to the Utah Jazz for an 18th NBA season. While team owner Larry Miller wants Stockton back, he will not pay a luxury tax to do it.

During the off-season, NBA franchises face the possibility of paying a payroll luxury tax, a component of the collective bargaining agreement between the league and its players union.

Clubs with a combined team salary of more than $57 million might, depending on yet-to-be-determined financial factors, have to pay $1 for each $1 spent beyond the $57 million.

The Jazz is close to the $57-million threshold. As it stands now, any significant raise for Stockton, who made $11 million last season, could push Utah into the bracket of potential taxpayers.

Miller said he would not pay the tax. Without going into specifics, he said the Jazz took a financial "hit last year, a big hit," and cannot afford another.

Weather

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Year to date 5.61"		
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	High 58	High 71
	Low 43	Low 48

sources: BYU Geography Dept., CNN

Scripture of the Day

"Wherefore, whoso believeth in God might with surety hope for a better world, yea, even a place at the right hand of God, which hope cometh of faith, maketh an anchor to the souls of men, which would make them sure and steadfast, always abounding in good works, being led to glorify God."

— Ether 12:4

Katie Udall, 21, a junior from St. Johns, Ariz., majoring in elementary education, likes this scripture because "It's a great promise. All God requires of us is that we try to serve Him and others with our best effort and we are guaranteed happiness."

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GOP seeks new seat in House

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Forced to surrender control of the Senate after James Jeffords' bitter public defection, the Republican Party is going all out in an attempt to regain national bragging rights by winning a special congressional election in Virginia.

Two state senators, Democrat Louise Lucas and Republican Randy Forbes, are competing in the June 19 election to succeed Rep. Norman Sisisky, a conservative Democrat who died in March.

The race is an early test for National Republican Committee chairman Jim Gilmore in his own back yard. The Virginia governor has pledged $500,000 in RNC money to Forbes' campaign, which is expected to spend as much as $3 million.

Forbes had raised $486,736 and Lucas $429,264 as of May 30, according to Federal Election Commission filings. That does not include money spent on their behalf by the national parties.

The national GOP also has dispatched Vice President Dick Cheney and other top officials to southeastern Virginia to help Forbes in a race that could set the tone for the 2002 midterm elections.

"In a Congress that is this evenly divided, every race is important," Cheney said at a campaign appearance for Forbes.

Republicans have 221 seats in the House to the Democrats' 210. There are two independents and two vacancies. Jeffords' decision last month to turn independent gave Democrats a 50-49 edge over Republicans in the Senate.

Sisisky was elected nine times in a district that was drawn to benefit Democrats but has evolved into a swing district. President Bush and Democrat Chuck Robb, who lost a bid for a third Senate term, both narrowly carried the district in last November's general election.

"Clearly this has been a very evenly balanced district in recent years," Cheney said. "It's a close race. We're not taking anything for granted here."

Reps. J.C. Watts of Oklahoma and Curt Weldon of Pennsylvania have stumped for Forbes, as have Bush advisers Karl Rove and Ken Mehlman. Democrats have sent Reps. John Murtha of Pennsylvania and Ike Skelton of Missouri to help Lucas.

Democratic officials said the party will spend enough to be competitive but would not give a specific figure. House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt of Missouri has helped Lucas raise money.

The financing and guest appearances on the campaign trail reflect the national importance of the race, political analysts said.

"It's no accident that so many national Republicans are showing up," said University of Virginia political science professor Larry Sabato. "After the loss of Jim Jeffords, the Republicans are desperately looking for a way to establish national momentum."

Democrats, meanwhile, are no less eager to deliver "the second body blow to Republican control of Congress in a month," Sabato said. "Jeffords and Lucas would be the national heroes for the Democrats."

The candidates themselves publicly downplay the national implications.

"The people of the 4th District don't vote based on who they think should control Congress," Forbes said. "Virginia issues will decide the race."

Lucas, 57, said the voters want to send to Congress someone who shares their values and are not swayed by endorsements from national political figures.

If she wins in the 39 percent black district, Lucas will become the state's first black female member of Congress. Blazing trails is nothing new for Lucas, who was the first female ship-fitter at a Norfolk Naval Shipyard in her hometown of Portsmouth.

Lucas left the shipyard after 1 years and now owns several grou homes for mentally retarde adults, most of them senior citi zens.

Forbes, 49, is a Chesapeak lawyer and former state GO chairman. He sponsored the law to abolish parole in Virginia i 1994.

The candidates have clashe over keeping Social Security sol vent and over who would do a bet ter job protecting the district' military installations in the nex round of base closings. Both can didates said they have been prom ised an appointment to the Hous Armed Services Committee.

The district's partisan balanc means the party that does the bes job mobilizing its base likely wil win, said Stephen Medvic, a polit ical science professor at Old Dominion University.

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Students create CultureGuides for teachers

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e International Outreach program is oducing CultureGuides for elementary ool and for high school teachers to ent to their classes.

e guides are ready-made presentations different countries, said Andy Ewen, program coordinator for Internaal Outreach. Teachers may download n from the International Outreach Web.

cEwen said the guides are available for hers to present specific information it countries to their students.

e International Outreach program is ered as a class to BYU students. Stus must have lived in a different coun- for at least three months in order to the class, McEwen said.

ith the knowledge they have gained h the different countries, the students spend class time preparing presentations for local schools along the Wasatch Front, McEwen said.

In the last year, students from the classes did 1,200 presentations at local schools, McEwen said.

The CultureGuides are the student presentations in written form. Students prepare them as they are preparing their presentations, McEwen said.

Serge Petelo, 25, a senior from Paris double majoring in linguistics and international law and diplomacy, created a CultureGuide on France in his class Winter Semester.

Petelo said he presented to students ranging from elementary to high school students throughout the semester as he was preparing his CultureGuide.

"The first section is on the seasons," he said. "Some of the things people can expect to see during the seasons in France."

Petelo also included sections on the history, politics and economics, and the lifestyle of France.

"This is supposed to be focused enough so that anyone can use it," he said. "In each section, we provide activities for the kids so they won't get bored," Petelo said.

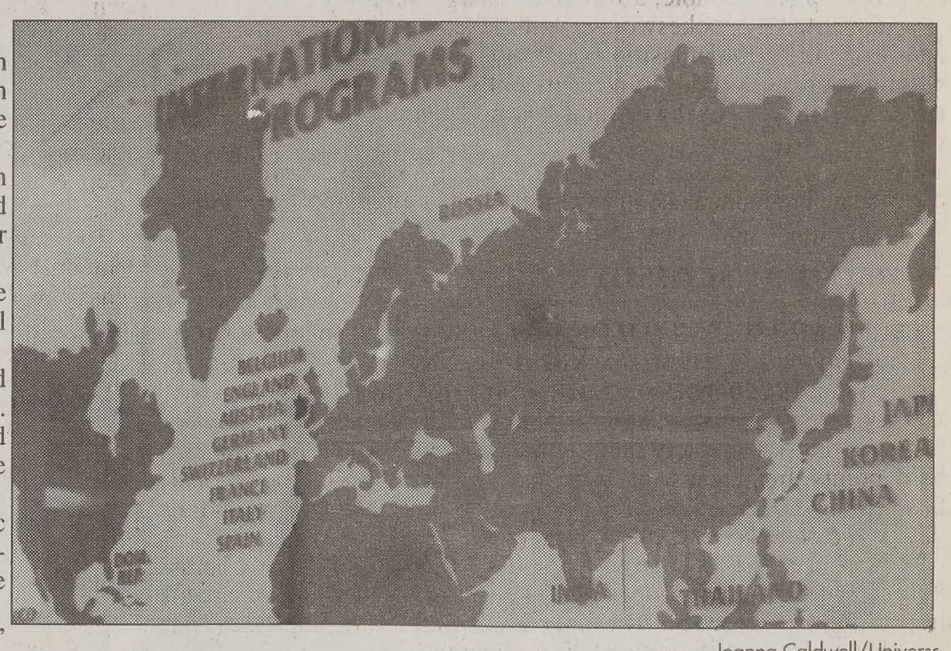
Becca Van Uitert, 23, a senior from Ogden majoring in international law and diplomacy, also took the class Winter Semester.

Van Uitert said her favorite part of the class was presenting to elementary school students about Mexico.

"I've taken a lot of different politics and sociology classes about Mexico," she said. "I ended up incorporating projects and term papers from other classes into the CultureGuide."

The CultureGuides have four specific topics per guide. The class guides the students through the process of making the guides, Van Uitert said.

"You follow the weekly assignments," she said. "They break it down so you don't have to turn it in at all at once."



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This map, located in the Kennedy Center, shows countries where BYU students can attend international programs.

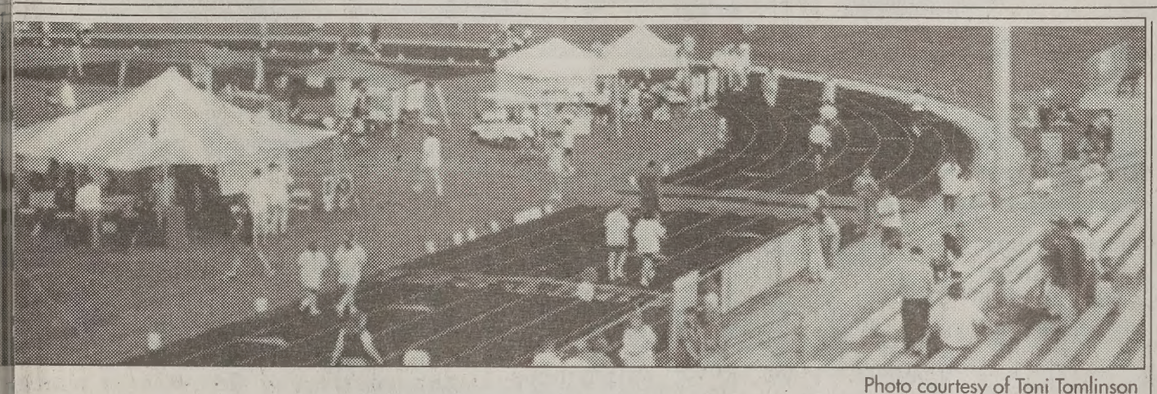

Photo courtesy of Toni Tomlinson

...ners take to the track as they prepare to participate in last year's "Relay for Life" run.

...Runners raise cancer funds

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...housands of volunteers will ...d up their running shoes this ...th and join the race against ...er.

...e American Cancer Society ... sponsor an all-night ...raising run in the Relay for ... program.

...his is the largest fundraising ...t by any nonprofit organiza... in the world," said Patrick ... Wagner, an income develop... ...t specialist for the American ...cer Society.

...is year, relay will take place ...rem at the Mountain View ...h School track starting at 6 ... on June 22.

...e relay will open with a sur...r's lap where cancer sur...rs will walk a lap around the ... to commemorate their bat... against cancer.

Teams made of eight to 12 people will run all night, keeping one member on the track at all times, Van Wagner said.

Anyone can sign up to run in the Relay for Life, said Toni Tomlinson, area director of Central Utah American Cancer Society.

Brian Gurney, 25, an accounting major from Orem, became involved in the Relay for Life two years ago when his friend was struggling in his fight against cancer.

"I think having students involved really energizes the run. It would be a great thing for us all to get involved with," Gurney said.

Part of the fundraising comes from the sale of luminaries that are placed around the track.

Van Wagner said people can buy a luminary to honor a cancer survivor or someone who has succumbed to the disease. The cancer victim's name will be written on the luminary.

When the sun goes down, the lights of the stadium will be turned off and the only light will come from the luminaries, he said.

To register for the event, a team must donate at least $100 dollars, but $1,000 is the typical donation, Van Wagner said.

Tomlinson said the Relay for Life program was designed not only to raise money but also to celebrate the fight against cancer and honor those who have struggled with the disease.

Officers offer safe walks to students

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BYU students do not have to walk alone at night. SafeWalk is available to provide escorts for students walking on campus after dark.

"We offer it primarily in the evening hours," said Rick Moreno, of University Police.

He said many students use the program, especially in the fall and winter semesters.

Students should call for an escort as often as they need one, Moreno said.

"They really should not feel embarrassed by it," he said. "There are regular users."

Erin Comstock, 20, a sophomore from Middletown, Calif., majoring in animal science, said she prefers to call friends or roommates rather than get an escort from SafeWalk.

"I don't want to call someone I don't know very well," she said. "I like to call people I know."

Comstock said she has walked alone at night, even though she thinks it is dangerous.

"No one was home at my apartment," she said. "It was dark, but there were still people walking around."

Comstock refrained from calling an escort because the SafeWalk program is only offered on campus.

"I feel more safe on campus than off it," she said.

Even though University Police covers areas on campus, Moreno said officer escorts can make exceptions and do not have to stop at the edge of campus and let students walk home alone.

"If someone is going a few blocks off campus, we'll take them," he said. "We would actually walk people home or give them a ride if we have time."

Even though the SafeWalk program is usually offered in the evening, students may call any time they feel in danger, Moreno said.

"During the daytime hours, when there is a special need, go ahead and call," he said. "We'll send someone out there."

Moreno said the University Police usually keep about five or six officers on duty for the SafeWalk program every night. There are also regular patrol officers who may help out if the demand requires it.

For students who do not want to call for an escort, Moreno said they should be careful about walking alone after dark.

"We've actually stopped people who've had a background of sexual assault, by the married housing," he said. "You never know when someone like that is passing through."

Other escort or ride options may be available for students who do not want to call the SafeWalk program.

Eric Smith, 21, a junior from Phoenix majoring in economics, said he tells friends and the women in his family home evening group to call him if they need rides.

"The trick is to act excited so they don't feel bad calling," he said. "I tell them all to call me."

His ward gives a card of phone numbers to call to all the women so they can call for rides at night.

For students interested in the SafeWalk program, escorts are available from 9:30 p.m. to 6 a.m. during spring and summer terms.

Students may request an escort through the SafeWalk program by calling 378-2222.

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Bring religion back

Kudos to the Supreme Court for its latest step on the balance beam of church/state relations.

Ever since the First Amendment was adopted, schools, government bodies and the courts have struggled to work within its bounds. However, the vague wording of the First Amendment has made defining exactly what it means a challenging task that continues to this day.

The task of defining the bounds of state involvement in religion has been the responsibility of the Supreme Court. The result of vagueness has been the removal of all aspect of religion from government and government-run organizations, especially schools.

The last few years have seen a variety of headlines describing new limitations on religion in schools. Prayers were outlawed in high school graduations and other school events. Plaques stating the Ten Commandments have been removed from school grounds. Little by little every vestige of religion has been removed.

On first thought this trend seems in line with the First Amendment's prohibition on government involvement in religion.

However, a closer look reveals that disallowing all religious rites from government and schools actually stifles the free exercise of religion that the constitution requires.

The constitution says nothing about religious rites as a part of the work of government. It just says that government cannot stop religions from being established or freely exercising their beliefs.

The Supreme Court recently ruled that schools could allow religion-based clubs to meet on school grounds, as long as all religious groups are treated equally. This trend change is in the right direction.

There is a great fear that government should not control religion, but fear has been so strong that it has pushed the nation to the other extreme, making religion taboo not only in government but also in regular life.

The cost has been great. Religion is the foundation of morality. Without religion, morality has begun to wane in this country.

It is time to cautiously allow religion back into public life. Prayer and meetings between people of like beliefs in school are a good start.

School administrators will have to deal with the religions they agree with and the ones they don't in the same way, which will be a struggle for communities. However, the result will be worth it. Students will be able to freely express their beliefs, thus preserving freedom of speech.

Religious men founded this country. Their religious convictions inspired the first amendment because they wanted freedom of religion for all people.

However, the last few years have forced people to leave their religion when they enter school and government work. This latest move by the Supreme Court checks that trend and makes a bold move, bringing religion back into life.

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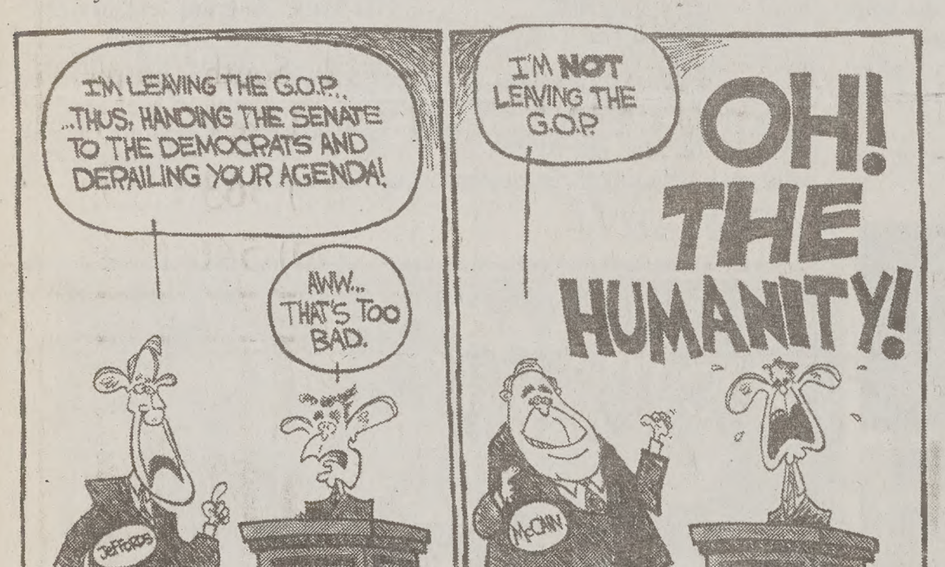
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BYU NEWSNET ANALYSIS

All in the name of shame?

Mark Brinkerhoff

Night Editor

I remember a time not too long ago when WASP middle-class suburbanites wouldn't be caught dead in anything that invited a comparison to "poor white trash," once an elusive and derisive segment of America.

Alas, how times have changed. Now it seems there has been a cultural shift toward not only tolerance but also, more startlingly one could argue, embrace of everything "white t."

How else could one explain the meteoric rise in popularity of Kid Rock, South Park and Joe Dirt? (Well, perhaps the last one was not as successful as the previous two but the fact that a movie like Joe Dirt was even made is due in large part to suburban America's current love affair with white t.)

I used to think it was merely on the fridge of counterculture but now I fear it has become a full-blown fad. Unfortunately, BYU is not immune to fads.

Within the past few months, the Daily Universe has been flooded with letters about the mullet, a short-on-top-long-in-the-back hairstyle that is the epitome of white t.

These love letters to the mullet really floor me. Don't get me wrong … I love a good mullet the same way I revel in the sight of someone with a fu manchu, warped tattoos or bleached blond hair with conspicuously dark roots. (Off the record: My siblings and I have made a virtual pastime out of white t. Some people like to watch birds; we live to see poor white trash in their natural habitat.)

But the mullet craze is so played. It has totally lost its cachet, which is always a sure signal to give up the craze.

Recently the white t. fad has experienced an evolution of sorts. It has moved beyond mere trash to a much more startling phenomenon: designer trash.

No longer are people sporting wife-beaters and fanny packs merely out of necessity or even convenience. Many of today's young people seem to spend as much time trying to look "strung out" as their parents once did trying to look "far out."

These young people shamelessly snap up pre-ripped jeans and pre-torn baseball caps from such notoriously faddish stores as Abercrombie & Fitch and, of course, the Gap. Enough!

It's pathetic that people would shell out $50 for a new pair of ripped jeans that are virtually identical to used ones selling for a small fraction of the price at DI.

Is that Abercrombie & Fitch logo really worth the price? Here in the real world, we call this a sham, not a vintage item.

If I want to shred my clothes, by golly I'm going to do it myself! So I make a plea to all you sensible, able-minded people out there: give up the t.

The shame factor in it is very high. Besides, there is nothing more cheap than spending an exorbitant amount of time or money to look cheap.

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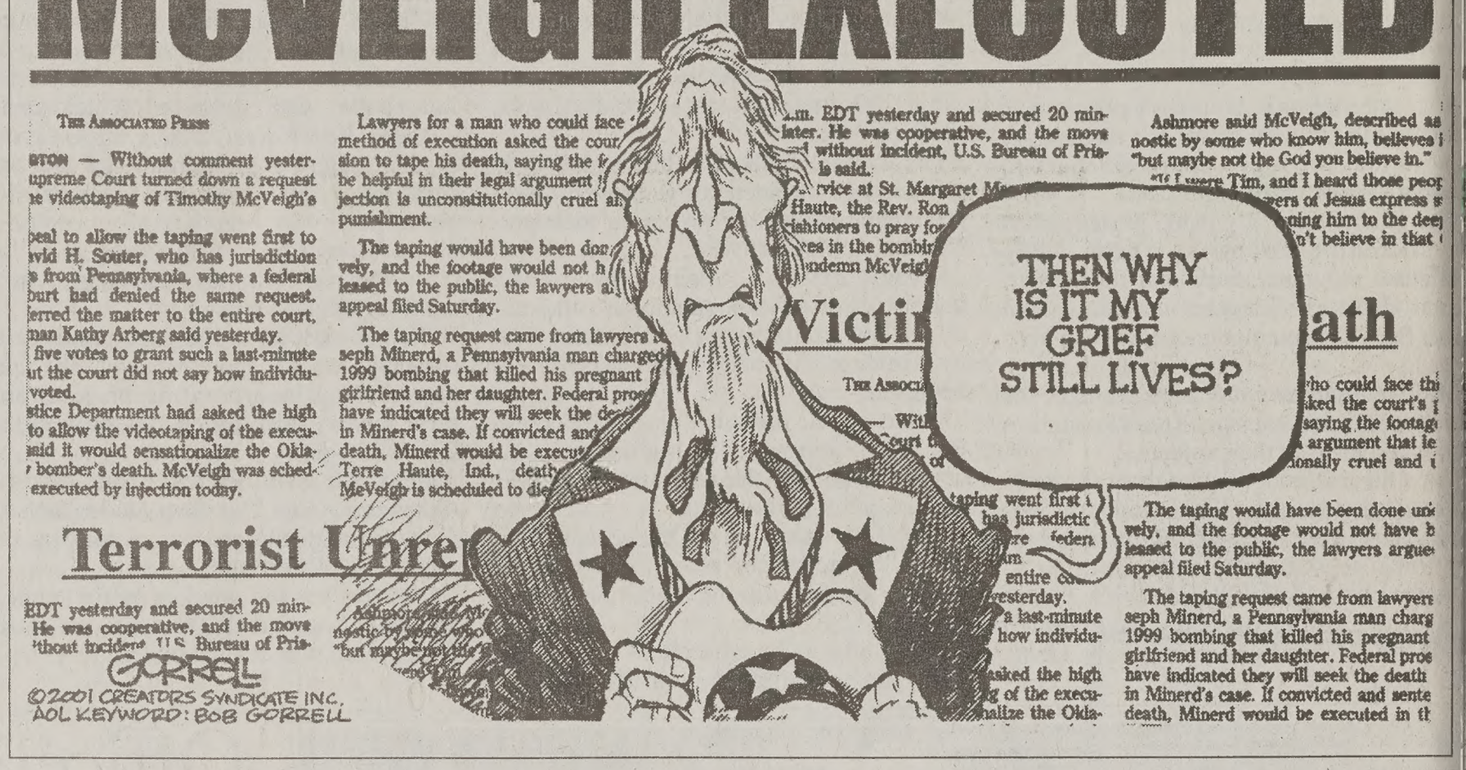
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McVeigh's murder

Dear Editor,

Amid the flag-waving of these two most patriotic months of the year in Utah (from Memorial Day to Pioneer Day), I have the song "Proud to be an American" in my head frequently.

And generally I share those feelings of pride in my country, a unique democracy founded on principles of equality.

But Monday I had a hard time identifying with that idea, as my government put a man to death. The man was guilty of a horrendous crime, but what we as a nation did by taking that which God alone has the right to take is equally appalling.

I do not defend or reduce the significance what happened that April morning six years ago; I remember seeing the image of that building ripped apart by a terrorist's bomb, and I remember driving through Oklahoma City at night a few weeks later and feeling a city's grief palpable in the air.

But by stooping to the level of the killer, we have implicated ourselves in the pervasive guilt that is born when a human life is taken.

Some try to justify our actions by demonizing the man (so often called a "monster"), by speaking of "justice" (which is such an amorphous idea that mortal man can not begin to understand it), or by ignoring the repercussions of our actions.

We as a people are guilty of homicide, and no line of reasoning can change that fact. Not one of the victims has been brought back by this futile act of retaliation.

Revenge, cloaked in noble rhetoric of recompense, is the motive for such a deed. Supporters of capital punishment speak of deterring crime, but the body count is simply increased, and all that happens is instead of one killer, we now have a nation of people with blood on our hands.

Our thirst for vengeance blinds us to the humanity that binds you and me and even the murderer together. And so I look out at the flags flying over Provo, and at the banner on the stadium celebrating a festival of freedom, and I struggle to sing that patriotic song to myself, but instead of "God bless the USA," all I can think is "God forgive the USA."

And I'm not sure that will happen as long as we seek justice by imitating the murderer.

Roy Turner
Provo

Democratic divergence

Dear Editor,

You recently published a letter from a partisan "concerned" about the President's daughters. She might retract her label of "drunken role model" if she realized that the President has been dry at least since the time his older daughter was very young.

The letter writer mentioned that President Bush is a bad role model. The Democratic Party has just as many poor role models as the Republican Party. The letter writer mentioned JFK, who likely was elected by his daddy's buying off Chicago.

Or how about a party that is hypocritical enough to claim the moral high ground in the area of women's and children's issues while partying every election cycle with the likes of Hugh Hefner and Larry Flint for support?

Clinton apparently thwarted a lawsuit by Paula Jones (by lying) to avoid facing guilt for his own illicitly perverse (and habitual) behavior towards her.

The Lewinsky matter demonstrated the difference between the two. Consider that a man who has no regard for anything but his own appetites and is willing to step on whomever he needs in order to mask his crimes (perjury, abuse of power, etc) is okay with the left wing of the "commonman" Democratic party, as long as he is a fellow Democrat.

Fuzzy math works both ways, but I'm not going to write a book.

Chris Schwartz
West York, Ill.

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Campus music

Dear Editor,

Being a lover of both classical and heavy metal music, imagine my horror when I find myself singing along to songs like "I can't breathe without you" when I'm walking across campus!

You may find yourself tortured by this horrible music that plays in every campus office and the food court. I have never been able to figure this out.

Being that we are an esteemed university, which stands for art, culture, and intellectual discourse, I have never been able to sort out why we are subjected to such drivel.

Does the university think that we need to be entertained by music everywhere we go? Is it assumed that since the music is "soft" that it is good?

And just because the music is mellow, it doesn't mean that such silly messages like "I can't live if living is without you" are any better?

As a nominally intelligent human being, I feel embarrassed that others visiting our university think that all we are about is the silly romantic twaddle that bombards you everywhere you go.

I enjoy silence. I enjoy thinking. I don't need music playing everywhere I go. And if the university feels like I must be assaulted by music at every step, at least assault me with music worthy of a university, like Beethoven, Mozart, Shostakovich and Mahler.

We even happen to have a radio station that plays this kind of music, how convenient! (This would also save us from the onslaught of commercials on our beloved FM 100!)

Please, stop the insanity. Turn it off or give us music that doesn't encourage us to be sniveling, romance-crazed morons.

Mat Whoolery
Mendon, Cache

Net nuisance

Dear Editor,

As an honor code supporting student, I understand the need for filters to block inappropriate content being accessed on campus computers.

This is something I am sure most students would support wholeheartedly, but an interesting question recently came to mind.

Who is deciding what is and is not inappropriate?

Imagine my recent frustration as I searched the net in vain for a specific painting of Adam and Eve, only to find it again and again "blocked for inappropriate content."

Where am I again?

Oh yeah, the Lord's University. Seems a little ironic don't you think?

Chris Watkins
Gilbert, Ariz.

Roosevelt rumor

Dear Editor,

As the Disney release "Pearl Harbor" makes headlines, the covers-up continues of Franklin D. Roosevelt's 1941 prior knowledge of the impending attack.

If the secret attack by the Japanese on our unsuspecting fleet was an outrage, how much of an outrage was President Roosevelt's decision not to warn Admiral Kimmel in Pearl Harbor of the impending Japanese attack?

President Roosevelt desired to involve America in World War II. He attempted to provoke the Germans without success; they remembered that America's entry into World War I had tipped the scales against them.

A back door approach was needed to get America into the war. Get Japan, allied through the Tripartite Treaty with Germany and Italy, to attack us, then Germany would be required to declare war on America!

As Harold Ickes, secretary of the Interior, said in October 1941: "For a long time I have believed that our best entrance into the war would be by way of Japan."

"To insure a successful Japanese attack — one that would enrage America into joining the war — it was vital to keep Kimmel and [General] Short out of the intelligence loop," wrote James Perloff.

Admiral Richardson, Kimmel's predecessor, had been removed by FDR after protesting the President's order to base the Pacific Fleet in Pearl Harbor, where it was quite vulnerable to attack from all sides.

World War II lead all nations into the United Nations trap.

Bliss W. Tew
Orem

Global warming

Dear Editor,

Approximately one-third of the BYU student body come from coastal states. That's 11, 043 students. Granted, not all of our students go home to easy accessible ocean or gulf states, but when there is a threat to our nations coastal regions we should all be concerned.

Even though we may currently live hundreds of miles from the nearest ocean, we all live on an ocean planet. Researchers Bruce Mackay, Kieran Multan and Boyce Thorne-Miller co- authors of a book titled "Danger at sea: Our changing ocean," point out that two-thirds of the global population live within a 40-mile radius of an ocean

A study reported by the Environmental News Service, noted that the warming of the earth's climate has been confirmed from space by satellite over a 27-year span. The study's data were likewise reported in the journal "Nature," which also declared less radiation has moved from earth to space in 1997 compared to 1990 due to trapping of heat caused by air pollution.

Global warming potentially devastates coastal areas. In "Blue Frontier: Saving America's Living Seas," author David Helvarg estimates that 70 percent of sandy beaches around the world are eroding and some of this is due to climate change.

BYU zoology professor Dennis K. Shiozawa, said global warming causes problems for the coastal regions because sea levels rise with the thinning and melting of icecaps. Shiozawa warns that storm surges are more powerful and less predictable because of warmer water temperatures. All of which causes beach erosion and damage to coastal regions.

Numerous Web sites inform and extend a call for action to become involved. One example is www.cmc-ocean.org which extends many opportunities for participation. All it takes is writing a letter to your local newspaper or elected officials, or just taking the time to inform others of issues that have dire effects on the environment. With a little effort, we can all assist in making a difference.

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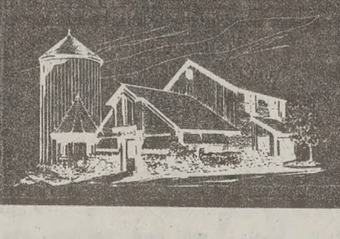

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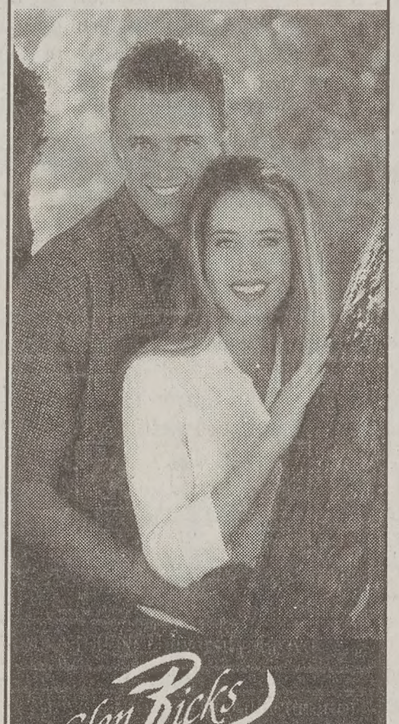

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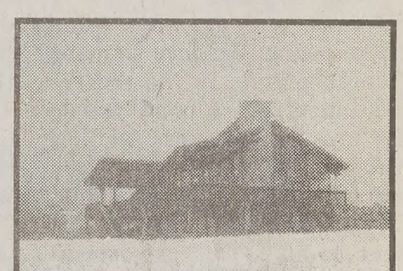

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Utah offers a plethora of trails for hiking

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Two hikers enjoy the mountain scenery. Hiking is a popular summertime activity for BYU students.

By Kalani Morse
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NewsNet Staff Writer

For BYU students, hiking can be one of the cheapest, most convenient sports.

"It's great because there are so many trails and canyons in the area," said Mike Adams, 17, a freshman from Pleasant Grove, majoring in aviation science at Utah Valley State College. "There are lots of new places to explore and discover."

The close proximity and convenient access to so many trails makes the Wasatch Front a popular choice for weekend hikers.

"I like the fact that I can walk to a couple of trail heads from my house," Adams said.

Lisa Chiddix, 20, a sophomore from Rexburg, Idaho, majoring in anthropology at the University of Utah, said she agrees.

"There are so many amazing hikes right here in town," Chiddix said.

An employee at a local sporting goods store in Orem, Chiddix said hikers travel from out of town just to spend a few days hiking all the various trails that Utah Valley and the Wasatch Front have to offer.

The ranks of hikers are not limited to students.

In addition to the many students who come to the lodge looking for trail maps, many middle-aged hikers come looking for directions to explore hiking trails in the mountains of Utah, said Janeen Webb, an employee at the Daniel Summit Lodge in the Unita National Forest.

"We get a lot of wives," Webb said. "They like to go for a hike while their husbands are fishing."

From City Creek in the north to Mount Nebo in the south, the trail possibilities are almost innumerable for the willing and adventurous, she said.

According to Buck Tilton, author of "Utah Hiking," hiking and backpacking trails of every variety are found just moments away from any of the cities along the Wasatch Front.

The Battle Creek Canyon hike is quite close for most Utah Valley residents and has a waterfall. Conquering Mt. Timpanogos is another option for adventurous hikers.

The Salt Lake Valley portion of the Wasatch Front offers many convenient trails as well.

According to Tilton, the Mount Olympus trail starts right in Salt Lake City and takes hikers up a strenuous route that rewards the diligent with exciting views of Salt Lake Valley.

Avoiding the physical strain of ascent, hikers can still experience the downhill pleasures of certain trials in the Sundance resort area. Sundance offers a guided hike program, which includes scenic rides on ski lifts in the summers. The guided tours start at the top of trailheads on the mountain and make their way down terrain ranging from flat paths to near vertical rocky slopes.

Kids get taste of the Bard

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NewsNet Staff Writer

> "For one thing I hope that they have a great time but I also hope that it kind of hooks them on Shakespeare and that they end up wanting to do more on their own or at school."
>
> — Char Nelson, workshop teacher

The BYU Theatre and Media Arts Department is hosting the Young People's Shakespeare Workshop this summer. The workshop takes kids ages 9-12 and gives them a taste of the works of William Shakespeare.

"It's part of the Theatre and Media Arts Department and part of the community outreach program. This is basically taking Shakespeare to the people," said Pam Mayes, organizer of the Young People's Shakespeare Workshop.

The workshop allows BYU theatre and media arts students to pass on their knowledge of Shakespeare to a new generation of young thespians.

"We want to get kids when they're young. We have so many talented people in the theater department and so many people that are Shakespeareans and work well with kids. It's just a great combination," Mayes said.

The workshop teaches children about the life of Shakespeare, his works and the basic elements of theater production.

"We're approaching that in order for theater to be done, there needs to be an actor, an audience, and there needs to be a space. We don't necessarily need to focus on costumes or props … We really just want to focus on the central elements of theater," said Char Nelson, one of the teachers of the workshop.

The workshop teaches more than just the great works of Shakespeare and theater basics. It also pushes children to use their imaginations and be creative.

"We challenge their imagination because we want them to realize that these scenes can be done in lots of different ways … It becomes a kind of higher level thinking that they are doing. They are challenging themselves to be really flexible and imaginative in their thinking," Nelson said.

The children who attend the workshop come for many different reasons, but many come out of a pure love of theater and Shakespeare.

"I love to act, and I just got a book with the complete works of Shakespeare. I like what I am reading, and I wanted to understand some of the words better," said Vachelle Thomas, a workshop participant.

The workshop participants walk away with many life lessons as well.

"You just have to have fun when you're on stage and don't be embarrassed in front of people," said Corbin Hansen, a workshop participant.

But the theatre and media arts students hope the workshop will instill a love of Shakespeare in their participants.

"For one thing I hope that they have a great time, but I also hope that it kind of hooks them on Shakespeare and that they end up wanting to do more on their own or at school," Nelson said.

The Theatre and Media Arts Department will host two more Young People's Shakespeare Workshops this summer. The workshops are part of a fellowship at BYU to bring Shakespeare to the community. The fellowship also sponsors workshops fore elementary school teachers, secondary school drama teachers and high school students.

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Sliders enjoy a ride down the apline slide. Park City Mountain Resort's Alpine Slide, a bobsled-like gravity powered ride, has entertained people for more than 15 years.

Activities continue at ski resorts

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The snow has melted away and the skiers have gone home, but Utah ski resorts are showing the flip side of the "Greatest Snow on Earth."

Local ski resorts are taking Utah's so-called "off-season" and creating a season filled with summer activities that take advantage of Utah's warm weather.

Ski resorts such as Park City, Brighton, Snowbird and the Canyons all have summer seasons that highlight the beauty of Utah's summers.

Park City's summer season began Memorial Day weekend.

"We were very lucky to have nice weather when we opened on Memorial Day … we had a lot of people who came up to enjoy the Alpine Slide and have lunch and go for a horseback ride. It was a great success for the opening weekend of our summer season," said Melissa O'Brien, communications manager of Park City Mountain Resort.

While the winter season brings a large number of visitors to Utah, the summer season gets most of its attention from Utah locals.

"By far, our business in the winter season is dominated by destination visitors … but in the summer it takes on a little bit more of a regional focus. The bulk of our visitors come from the Wasatch front who come to enjoy the beauty of Park City," O'Brien said.

Fred Rollins, public relations director for Snowbird, said the summer season does not have the same draw as the winter seasons but is becoming more and more popular.

One reason for the popularity of the summer season is the wide range of activities everyone can enjoy.

"The summer season is very family-oriented. We have activities that are good for people of all ages. These activities are a good opportunity for families to spend time together," O'Brien said.

Rollins said the goal of the summer season is to get people to see that there is more to Utah than just great skiing.

Reserving campgrounds a necessity

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Camping was once a relatively simple operation. You packed up the trailer, van or family car with gear and food, and headed to your favorite spot.

But even though Utah has more than 400 campgrounds to choose from, there are going to be times on three-day holiday or summer weekends when it might be difficult if not impossible to get into your favorite spot without a reservation.

Because National Park Service and Bureau of Land Management offices do not make reservations for single sites, they present even more of a problem.

For example, Arches National Park campground ranks among the state's most popular, filling nearly every night. Those who must stay here need to be in line at the visitors' center by 7 a.m. each day to have any hope of finding a site.

Campers arriving too late at campgrounds in Zion, Bryce, Canyonlands and Capitol Reef National Parks might find themselves shut out. In all of these popular attractions, there are normally private facilities with numerous spaces located just outside the park entrances or nearby state parks or forest service facilities that take reservations.

While many of the more remote campgrounds in rural national forests in Utah seldom, if ever, fill, there are other popular spots where weekend reservations are almost a requirement for a successful trip.

"During May, it is the southern parks that are big," said Emily DeBois from the Division of Parks and Recreation's reservation office. "When it gets hot in July and August, more northern parks start to get busy."

She said group reservations are relatively simple to make if large families or organizations know the exact date of their event or reunion. These can be made 11 months in advance.

Popular water-skiing lakes such as Jordanelle, Deer Creek, East Canyon, Pineview, Quail Creek, Bear Lake and Rockport usually fill up on many summer weekends. Group sites nearly always require advance reservations and planning.

The lakes and scenery surrounding the High Uintas Wilderness area also can be crowded in July and August and might require some advance planning.

This is true of facilities along Utah Highway 150 between Kamas, Summit County, and Evanston, Wyo., known also as the Mirror Lake Highway. Finding a place to camp along the Provo River, Beaver Creek or next to a myriad of small Alpine lakes can be difficult.

Some of the high country campgrounds may be opening a little earlier than normal this summer.

"The snow level is a little less this year," said Kathy Jo Pollock of the Wasatch-Cache National Forests. "Things higher up are going to open up sooner. Tell people to be cautious around rivers, streams and creeks this time of year."

Pollock said the most difficult times to find developed camping spots in the summer are during the big July 4th, July 24th and Labor Day holidays.

Many Bureau of Land Management developed facilities often do not get crowded, especially in hot summer months. For solitude during the tourism season, they are the way to go. The only BLM facility consistently full is Calf Creek in the Esclante-Grand Staircase National Monument.

When making a camping reservation, it is a good idea to know exactly what you want and even the site. Things you should know include: how close you are going to be to the water, if there is a tent-only facility, decide what direction you would like your motor home to face, ask yourself if rest rooms with showers are a priority and know how far you want to drive.

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New xtreme sports make debut at Utah Xtreme Sports Festival

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Utah Summer Games XVI
cks off a second year of
eme sports while trying to
d a few new ones to its roster.
tah Xtreme Sports Festival
asists of motocross, skate-
arding and inline skating.
is year three new sports—rac-
tball, inline roller hockey
d BMX dirt jumping—were
roduced into the xtreme
rts category.
Slowly we're going to build
s into more and more xtreme
rts," said Bryan Dangerfield,
ecutive Director of the Utah
mmer Games. "We're trying
grow these sports at a grass-
ts level. That's the only way
can."
e said they cannot just add a
sport and expect thousands
people to show up.
We have to create the interest,
a little competition going,
have some kind of training,"
ngerfield said. "You can't
ect kids to bring their skate-
rds and perform in front of
ee or four hundred people.
have to get the kids some
erience so it's not new to
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treme Sports got off the
und when a few skateboard-
came to Dangerfield and
uested skateboarding as a
rt in the summer games.
e decision to add skate-
rding, along with motocross
inline skating, turned out to
success.
Eventually what this will
lve into is a four-event
eme sports throughout the
—one is Cedar City, one in
h County, probably one in
Lake and one in Ogden,"
gerfield said.
ark Laue, an ESPN consult-
who designs the street cours-
for the ESPN X-Games,
sted Dangerfield in both last
's games and this year's.

photo courtesy of Jud Burkett

Brody Dale leads the way as Jordan Payne follows behind during the BMX bicycle racing at the Xtreme Games on June 9, 2000. This year's games are set to begin next week in Cedar City.

Laue will run, produce and announce the inline skating, skateboarding and dirt jumping events.

He said his goal this year is to get more participation in hopes to turn the xtreme sports into the four-event tour.

In the future, Dangerfield plans to have sport climbing and many other xtreme sports but is trying to start out slowly, building each sport for state-wide competition.

Competition for skateboarding will be held on June 22. Inline skating, BMX dirt jumping and inline roller hockey competes on June 23 in Cedar City. However, inline roller hockey compete in Salt Lake City.

Jim Trussell, the inline roller hockey coordinator, said the event had to be moved to Salt Lake City in order to host more hockey players.

Trussell plans to have a children, adult and women's league competing.

Wimbledon system causing some players to have seeds of discontent

Associated Press

A new seeding system might not be enough to prevent a boycott of Wimbledon by some of the top clay-court players.

Despite the organizers' compromise by doubling the number of seedings, the clay-court stars contend the grass-court players get a better deal. And even U.S. Open champion Marat Safin, who doesn't stand to gain either way, supports them.

Safin joined French Open runner-up Alex Corretja and Spanish newcomer Juan Carlos Ferrero on Tuesday in declaring that a move to double the seedings to 32 isn't the answer to the Wimbledon dispute.

French Open semifinalist Juan Carlos Ferrero rejected the seeding initiative as a "step backwards" and said he favors a boycott. Fellow Spaniard Alex Corretja said he'll wait until next week to decide whether to play.

Safin is not a clay-court specialist and expects to receive a high seeding for the frass-court event. But he thinks the seedings should strictly follow the rankings.

"If you're not good enough at the time you should be seeded 16 or even not seeded," he said Tuesday after winning his opening match at the Queen's Club tournament. "Come on. Why should I be seeded one if I am 20? Because I won the U.S. Open. But, after that, I couldn't win one match for five months?

"I think it will not work. Players should be seeded the way they are in the ranking. I'm three, and I'm happy with three. It's going to be a headache for everybody. No, it's not going to work."

The biggest problem is that while the top 32 players in the rankings will be guaranteed a seeding, Wimbledon will determine the exact order of the men's seeds based on players' grass-court records.

This apparently was not enough to satisfy Ferrero and Corretja, who are ranked No. 5 and No. 9, respectively, in the latest ATP list.

"This is a step backwards," Ferrero told the Spanish sports newspaper Marca on Tuesday. "It's a mistake by the ATP. I'm in favor of a boycott if this system is kept.

"If the seedings are decided according to the results of previous years, there are a lot of chances I won't go."

Ferrero's coach, Antonio Martinez, also indicated the player won't go to Wimbledon, which begins June 25.

"We are afraid that being No. 5 in the world could still mean that Juan Carlos is 32nd seed," he told the Daily Mail. "What Wimbledon have done is a little step but not enough. It doesn't improve anything."

Gustavo Kuerten, who won his third French Open title Sunday, already has announced he'll skip Wimbledon. He cited a sore groin but has complained about the seeding system in the past.

Corretja pulled out of Wimbledon last year after not being seeded. He said he will wait until the seedings are announced next Monday before deciding whether to play.

"I'd like to play Wimbledon but Ifirst want to see where I'm going to be seeded," Corretja told the Daily Telegraph. "We'll wait until the last moment," his brother and agent, Ivan Corretja, told the Daily Mail.

"We asked for the ATP Tour to respect and help us and Wimbledon is the tournament where they must do it."

Anaheim draft pick to fill Provo's roster

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The Anaheim Angels have made their first choice in the 2001 Major League Baseball Draft, high school prospect Casey Kotchman.

Anaheim made 22 selections in the first round of the MLB draft, and these selections will fill the Provo Angels roster.

Kotchman led off in a very deep draft for the Angels, according to Angels Director of Scouting Donny Rowland.

"I'm very, very happy," Rowland said. "When all is said and done, this was a very deep draft for the Anaheim Angels."

Kotchman has only been a part of the Angels organization as a player for a few days, but he has had extensive involvement with the organization.

Kotchman's father, Tom, has had the longest tenure with the Angels organization than any other member. Tom Kotchman managed the Single A Boise Hawks from 1990 to 2000.

For most of that time, Casey Kotchman served the team as batboy, shagged fly balls, and, as he got older, was able to take his turn in the batting cages.

Casey Kochman said that his previous experience with the Minor League system gives him an advantage over other drafted players.

"I think it will make the transition easier because I've been a part of it for the last ten years," he said. "I learned what you do each day. I have an advantage because I know what I'm getting into because I've taken part in it."

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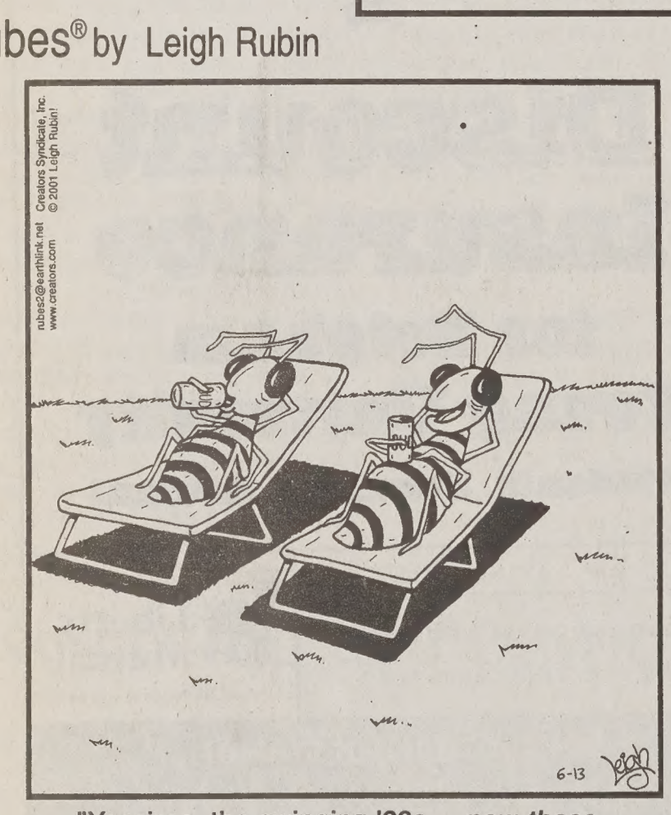

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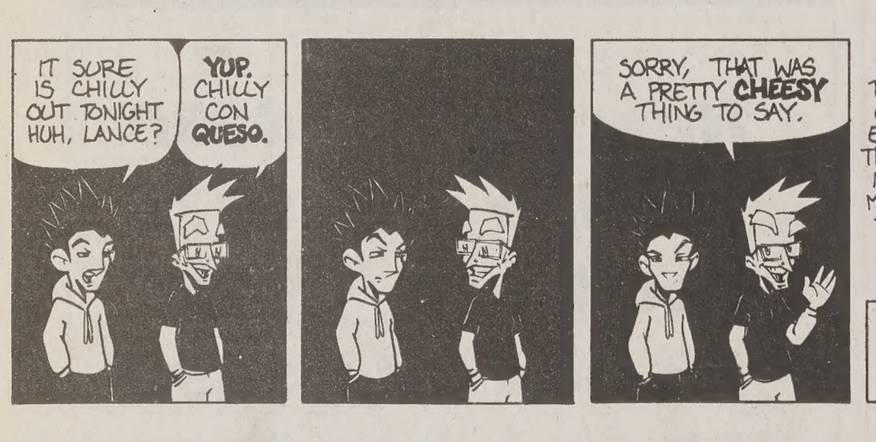
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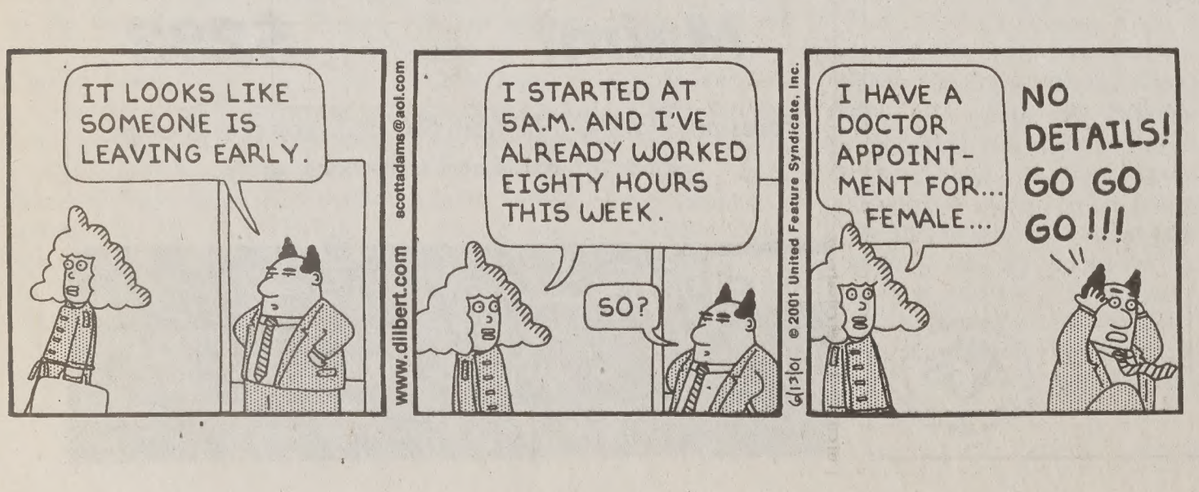
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Pony Express route retraced

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CRAMENTO — Riding ss deserts and over mountains years ago, they were the dot- whiz kids of their day, help- revolutionize communica- with saddles and horses ead of junk food and comput- ode.

all the different communica- revolutions that have trans- ed America, the Pony ress is the one that has gained ost mythic status, one that es images of a lone rider sur- ded by open sky.

's just you and your horse out , and there's nothing else like aid Jerry Leal, the California ident of the National Pony ress Association.

he idea of the Pony Express re- "just kind of bit me," Leal It also bit 549 other riders, last of whom will arrive nesday at the Pony Express on in Old Sacramento to fin- a re-creation of the 10-day, 6-mile, 24-hour-a-day mail that lasted from 1860 to .

first, the eight-state re-ride ed as a trek from Eldorado nty, Calif., to Salt Lake City 3 people in 1978. Momentum from that event led in 1980 to the National Pony Express Association organizing a trip that traced the original trail.

It "keeps a symbol of the Old West alive and commemorates bravery," said Larry Carpenter, a volunteer with the organization who has ridden the trail more than 10 times. "It's like reliving history to ride the Pony Express trail and make sure I get there in time."

The rides also highlight the need to preserve the trail and its history, Carpenter said.

"We need to preserve the memory, because it was an important time period," Carpenter said. "It was a revolution in communication."

By 1860, the telegraph had been invented, but no line stretched to the West Coast. Communications depended on the mail.

In 1860s Sacramento, Calif., was the political, if not the economic, center of the West Coast, said Richard White, an American history professor at Stanford University. It was the city closest to the gold mines that stirred migration to California and the link to the East by land.

But, all the open space between California and Missouri made communications difficult. In 1845, it took President James Polk six months to get a message to California. With the excitement of the Gold Rush, the population of California exploded to a half-million people and made the need for faster communication vital. By the 1850s, mail still took a month by ship from New York.

Despite only surviving for 19 months, the Pony Express helped open the American West. In doing so, it also showed the Central Route could be used by the railroads, and the communications link helped keep California in the Union during the early days of the Civil War.

The Pony Express took just seven days to relay Lincoln's inaugural speech from St. Joseph, Mo., where it had been telegraphed from Washington, to Sacramento. Preparations had been made weeks in advance to convey this most important of inaugural addresses, and hundreds of extra men had been hired with fresh horses waiting every 10 miles along the route.

Businessmen hoping to secure a federal mail contract started the mail system in 1860, but they were eventually forced out of business, when the first cross-country telegraph line reached San Francisco the following year.

Riding for the Pony Express was a coveted job. About 80 riders in their teens were employed by the company and paid about $50 a month. Those on particularly dangerous routes earned $150, according to the association's Web site.

Posters that advertised the jobs asked for "young, wiry fellas — orphans preferred," Leal said.

The first rider of this re-enactment saddled up on June 3 in St. Joseph, Mo., at the 1860 headquarters of the Pony Express and began a collective journey across eight states, through Utah and the Nevada deserts. The riders carried with them over 1,000 commemorative letters, for which subscribers paid the original price of $5 each.

The re-creation was timed so riders, who range in age from 14 to 91, can travel under a full moon as they wind through freeways and backcountry dirt trails.

Before hitting the road, each rider takes the Pony Express oath, swearing "I will under no circumstances use profane language, that I will drink no intoxicating liquors, that I will not quarrel or fight with any other member of the Association."

Death toll lower in Indian quake

Associated Press

AHMADABAD, India — India on Tuesday lowered the estimated death toll from its January earthquake by more than 20 percent to 15,537, blaming counting errors and fraudulent claims.

The previous estimate from the 7.7 magnitude tremor, which devastated parts of western Gujarat state, stood at 20,085.

"The death figure was inflated earlier because of a large number of bogus claims and also multiple reporting of deaths," said H.N. Chibber, the administrator of Kutch district, the worst affected area.

Immediately after the Jan. 26 temblor, officials put the estimated death toll at more than 30,000. Defense Minister George Fernandes had speculated the deaths could be as high as 100,000 because thousands of people were feared buried under the debris of collapsed homes.

Workers clearing the rubble found few bodies. Only two have been found in the last two months, said Anil Mukim, special commissioner for relief.

Officials of the Gujarat State Disaster Management Authority said several different agencies had been registering deaths, thereby duplicating figures.

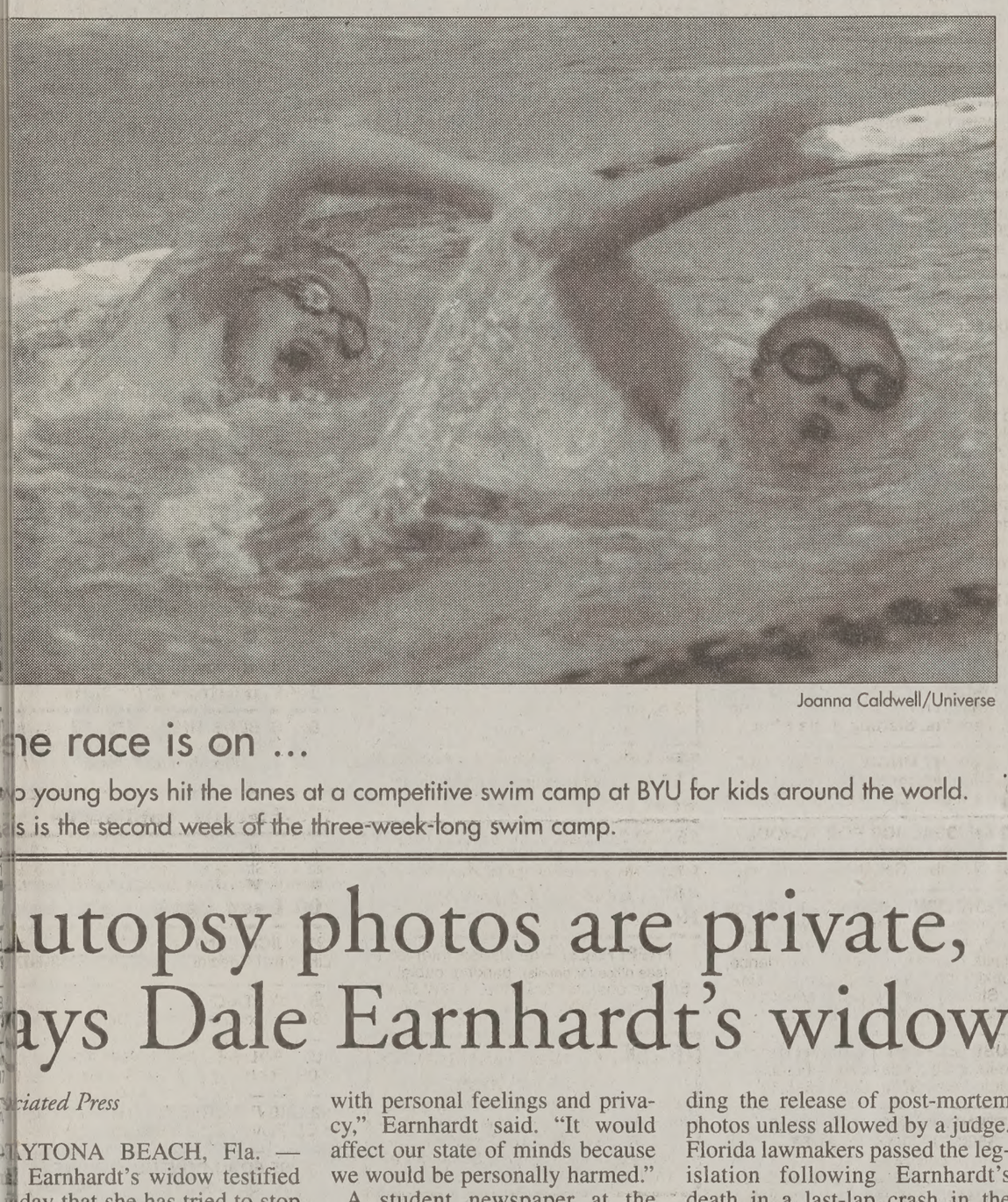
Some people filed compensation claims for relatives who had died months or years before the earthquake, and others registered the same deaths in more than one town.

"Perhaps the claimants thought they could get compensation twice," Mukim said.

So far, the government has made compensation payments of $2,174 to the relatives of 11,950 victims whose deaths have been confirmed.

Attempts are being made to contact another 3,500 claimants who reported deaths but cannot be located. The government has run newspaper ads trying to find them.

Officials indicated the death figure of 15,537 may be further revised in a month if some of the claims are found to be false.



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ne race is on ...

o young boys hit the lanes at a competitive swim camp at BYU for kids around the world. s is the second week of the three-week-long swim camp.

Judge dismisses lawsuit against Boulder police

Associated Press

DENVER — A judge dismissed a lawsuit against two Boulder police chiefs, filed by a former detective who said the chiefs unfairly blamed her for police errors during the JonBenet Ramsey slaying investigation.

U.S. District Judge William Downes ruled Tuesday that Linda Arndt failed to prove that the chiefs violated her First Amendment rights by preventing her from commenting on allegations she bungled the investigation.

Ted Halaby, who represents former Chief Tom Koby and current Chief Mark Beckner and the city of Boulder, argued Arndt failed to prove her case.

"From the beginning, we believed it to be an ill-conceived lawsuit that was neither in the interest of Linda Arndt, the Boulder Police Department or the serious ongoing criminal investigation into the murder of JonBenet Ramsey," Halaby said after the trial ended.

A telephone message seeking comment from Arndt's attorney was not returned.

The chiefs and the city contended the highly publicized investigation would have been compromised if police spoke publicly in Arndt's defense.

Arndt was the first detective who arrived at the Ramsey home on Dec. 26, 1996, after Patsy Ramsey called 911 and reported her 6-year-old daughter was missing and a ransom note was found. For nearly three hours, Arndt was the only detective at the home.

Arndt was criticized for allowing John Ramsey to search the home without an accompanying police officer and for placing a blanket over his daughter's body, possibly contaminating evidence. She also was criticized for not taking statements immediately from the parents.

Arndt was removed from the case five months later, and resigned from the department in 1999.

No arrests have been made in the case. Parents John and Patsy Ramsey have not been ruled out as suspects.

utopsy photos are private, ays Dale Earnhardt's widow

ciated Press

AYTONA BEACH, Fla. — l Earnhardt's widow testified day that she has tried to stop public release of her hus- 's autopsy photos to spare amily "painful emotional dis- ."

he photographs are humiliat- disgusting and negative," sa Earnhardt said. "That ld be nothing but harmful and ful to anyone involved with amily, my company, our fans, ine."

ppearing slightly irritated r questioning from opposing ers, Earnhardt said she filed awsuit blocking the release of photos to spare her family "humiliation and harm." She NASCAR didn't influence ecision.

e also said the decision had ng to do with her interest in ecting her company, Dale rnhardt Inc., and Earnhardt's e as a revenue source.

lton't think it has anything to ith sales. I think it has to do with personal feelings and privacy," Earnhardt said. "It would affect our state of minds because we would be personally harmed."

A student newspaper at the University of Florida and a Dcland-based Web site are seeking access to the autopsy photos. An attorney for the newspaper, The Independent Florida Alligator, argued the images should be made public to show whether investigators did an adequate job of determining what killed him.

"We don't know if the photographs are consistent with the autopsy report or inconsistent with the autopsy report," said attorney Tom Julin. "It's an important check on the medical examiner's office and an important check on the police department."

The Alligator and a Websitecity.com were rebuffed in their first attempt to gain access to the photos.

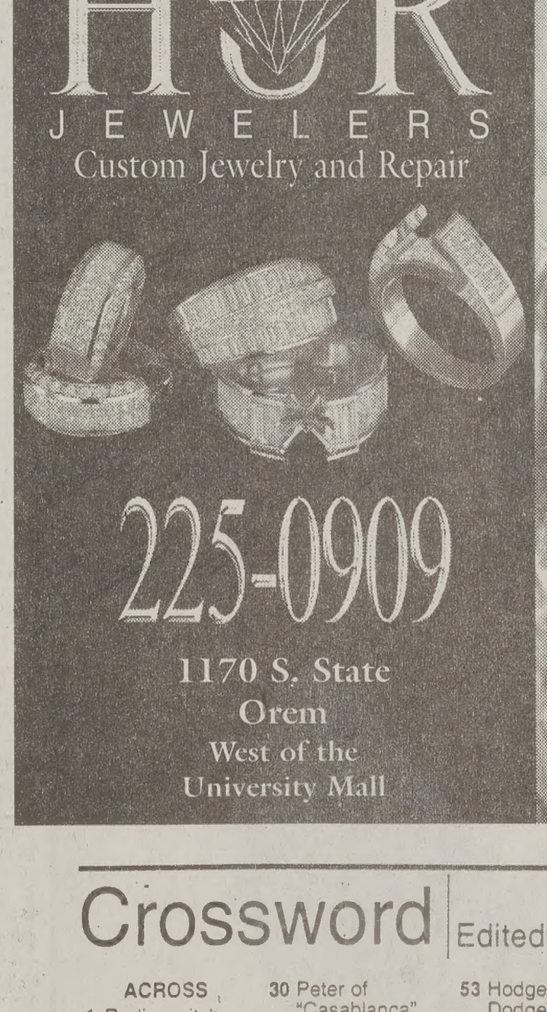
On Monday, Volusia Circuit Judge Joseph Will upheld the constitutionality of a new law forbidding the release of post-mortem photos unless allowed by a judge. Florida lawmakers passed the legislation following Earnhardt's death in a last-lap crash in the Daytona 500 on Feb. 18.

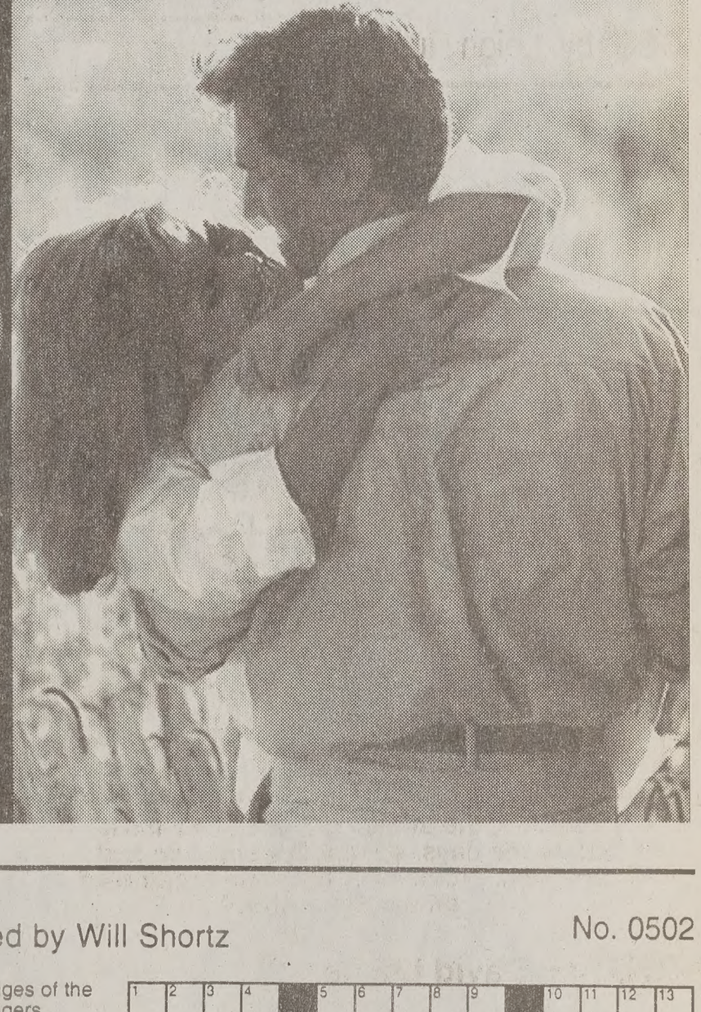
Will had ordered the photos sealed four days after Earnhardt's death. Teresa Earnhardt sought the order saying her family's privacy would be violated.

Monday's ruling left the Alligator and Websitecity.com to argue that the law violates the state's public-records statutes.

Websitecity.com owner Michael Uribe said he wants to view the photos to prove the Volusia County medical examiner's office did a poor job of Earnhardt's autopsy. Uribe already has posted autopsy photos of drivers Rodney Orr and Neil Bonnett on his Web site.

The new law forbids copying or inspecting autopsy photos and records. Breaking the law would be a third-degree felony with a maximum sentence of five years behind bars and a $5,000 fine.





erman-owned group gets bid

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ARLOTTE, N.C. — A an corporation that is paying ensation for Nazi-era slave owns the Charlotte-based ruction company hired to the World War II Memorial shington, D.C.

Jones Inc. was bought in by Frankfurt-based Philipp mann AG, one of many com- s that have contributed to a billion German government- ry fund to compensate more million aging survivors of orced and slave labor.

week, J.A. Jones and a and company were awarded 6 million contract to build memorial on the National

yone who questions the tism of J.A. Jones is simply aided," said company presi- John D. Bond III. "This is going to be built by mann. Holzmann is not to be anywhere near the monument."

Philip Holzmann owns the stock of J.A. Jones, which has $3 billion in revenues annually, but he does not control its management, Bond said.

Philip Holzmann's exact role during the 1930s and 1940s is unclear. Bond noted that the entire German construction industry was nationalized by the Nazi Party.

During World War II, the Nazis forced millions of people — many to work without pay at concentration camps, factories and farms, often in life-threatening conditions.

The German parliament voted last month to remove the last legal barrier so compensation payments can begin. The companies got the protection from lawsuits they had demanded in exchange for putting up half the money for the compensation fund. The government is giving the other half.

The U.S. government agency that awarded the memorial contract to J.A. Jones said it was aware of its parent company's nationality.

"Neither the American Battle Monuments Commission nor General Services Administration has the authority to discriminate against American firms based upon the nationality of parent or grandparent corporations," said commission spokesman Mike Conley. "Moreover, such discrimination would be inconsistent with the principles for which the World War II generation sacrificed."

Auschwitz survivor Susan Cernyak-Spatz, a professor at a University of North Carolina in Charlotte teaches about the Holocaust, said as long as Philip Holzmann was willing to contribute to the fund, "they are trying to redeem themselves."

"I'm not saying forget and forgive, but as far as these companies go, everything is so intertwined today it's hard to avoid it," she said.

Crossword

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10 Charles Lamb, pseudonymously
14 Vincent Lopez hit of 1922
15 Television sans picture
16 Brewski
17 Terrific place to buy lemonade?
19 Give off
20 Sharp surgical instrument
21 Mermaid's home
23 A.C. measure
24 Chicago suburb
25 Terrific leader?
28 Spotted
29 Exemplars of twinship
30 Peter of "Casablanca"
31 Spot in a 21-Across
33 Spoil, maybe
34 There are eagles in it: Abbr.
37 Terrific layer of paint?
39 Danger in the water supply
40 Become depleted
42 Like Siberian winters
44 Winter pear
45 Skillful
46 "___ Dawn I Die" (Cagney/Raft flick)
50 Terrific T-man?
52 Mrs. Bush
53 Hodges of the Dodgers
54 Fa follower
55 Prepare
56 "Yeah, right!" in teenspeak
58 Terrific sun blocker?
61 In-basket stamp: Abbr.
62 Uncredited actor
63 "Cleopatra" backdrop
64 Boris Godunov, for one
65 Honeybun
66 Turned right

DOWN

1 Some are right
2 Spirit
3 Projecting part
4 "Days of Wine and Roses" composer
5 Fracture fixer
6 Snap preceder
7 Nabokov novel
8 Hosings, maybe
9 Make's partner
10 Legal conclusion?
11 Plodded along
12 1,100-mile run
13 Teacher's joy
18 Place for a nap, maybe
22 Parcels out
25 Ooze through the cracks
26 Sentries' jobs
27 In
29 Stratagem
32 Parades
33 It has feathers and flies
34 Horn tooter?
35 They involve light lifting
36 Huston of "Prizzi's Honor"
38 Klutzes
41 ___ good deed
43 Kind of pad
45 With all the bells and whistles
47 2000 Olympics host
48 Spicy cuisine
49 Cause of some warfare
51 Nudged, dog-style
52 O.T. book
55 Like many a winter sky
57 New Deal pres.
59 School org.
60 Suffer a "brain cramp"

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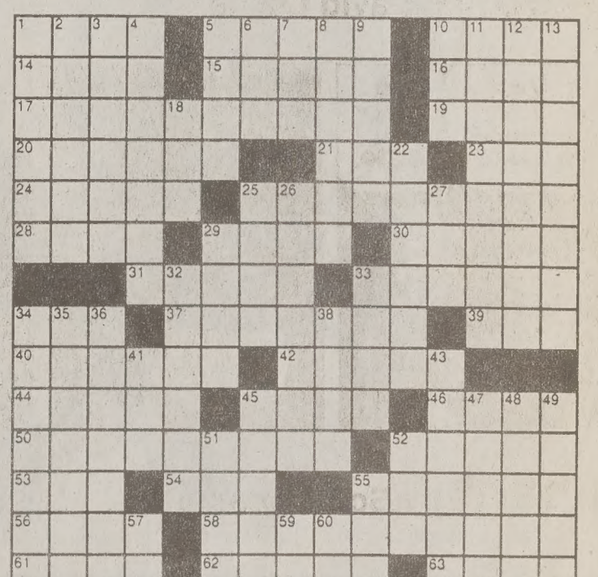

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Interest rates to sink lower for loan-seeking students

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Interest rates on recent student loans will fall to all-time lows on July 1, according to the United States Department of Education.

Students have paid an interest rate of 8.19 percent since last July, but the rate will drop to 5.99 percent, said Stephanie Babyak of the department's office of public affairs.

The rate has never dropped below 6 percent, she said.

Tracie Burton has been paying off her student loan for eight months. She had to pay $8,500 in a three-month period to attend the Utah College of Massage Therapy.

"I had to take out a loan somewhere," she said.

Burton said she is happy to see the interest rate drop. She said she will still need about five years to pay back the loan.

A borrower who repays a loan under a standard 10-year plan can save $136 in interest for every $1,000 of outstanding loans, Babyak said.

Two other loan rates will drop 2.2 percent in July, she said. The 7.59 interest rate charged to new borrowers and students who are still in school will drop to 5.39 percent.

Federal Stafford loans taken out after July 1, 1993 have a variable interest rate that is adjusted once a year, said Stephen Olsen of BYU Student Financial Aid.

Subsidized Stafford loans allow students to put off paying interest until after graduation.

A student's income, assets, family size, and estimated student and family contribution determine qualification for a subsidized Stafford loan, Olsen said.

The rate for parents repaying a Parent of Undergraduate Student loan will drop from 8.19 percent to 6.79 percent, Babyak said.

State colleges and universities offer additional loan programs including Perkins loans and campus-based grants that mix institutional and federal funds.

"BYU has not been willing to co-mingle federal and institutional funds," Olsen said.

The 2000-2001 rates, which will be effective from July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002, are based on a bond-equivalent rate of 3.69 percent from the May 29, 2001 91-day Treasury bills auction, Babyak said.

Cycling events in Italy stopped due to possible drug violations

Associated Press

ROME — Italy's Olympic committee recommended that cycling events be suspended in the country because of police raids during the Giro d'Italia and investigations of nearly 100 people for alleged drugs violations.

Soon after Olympic committee president Gianni Petrucci announced its stance Tuesday, authorities in Florence reported the number of those under investigation had risen to 86, including up to five dozen racers, plus team staff and doctors.

Dario Frigo, in second place before pulling out of the Giro two days before the finish, is among the cyclists under suspicion, the ANSA news agency said.

Petrucci met with riders and team officials to discuss ways to fight drug use in the sport.

The proposal, which now goes to the Italian cycling federation directors meeting Wednesday, calls for the suspension of cycling in Italy until an ethics code for the sport is drafted and approved.

If a suspension is implemented, the Giro di Lombardia, a weeklong tour this month, could be scratched.

Before the meeting, a cycling federation official, Giosue Zenoni, said a suspension would be an "unjustified and illogical" response to the problem. "It would have devastating consequences," ANSA quoted him as saying.

Former Giro champion Ivan Gotti is among the more than 50 people under investigation following the late-night police raids last week of hotels that led to the cancellation of the race's 18th stage and subsequent withdrawal of second-place rider Dario Frigo.

Under a recently enforced Italian law, people taking or administering banned substances in sports can be convicted and sentenced to up to three years in jail.

11 survivors of ill-fated border crossing find jobs

Associated Press

PHOENIX — 11 survivors of a border crossing that left 14 others dead in the scorching Arizona desert are on the verge of attaining a piece of the life for which they risked so much.

The Mexican men are expected to be released from U.S. custody Wednesday and will be allowed to work in the Phoenix area, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Shelby. Their jobs were arranged with the help of the Border Patrol.

U.S. Magistrate Morton Sitver ordered Monday that the men be taken to Yuma and San Luis in the custody of the Border Patrol to arrange their temporary work permits, Shelby said.

From there, they will return to Phoenix and be released for the duration of the trial against a man accused of being one of the smugglers who brought them into the country and abandoned them without water in the remote Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge.

The men, from the Mexican states of Veracruz and Guerrero, are considered key witnesses against Jesus Lopez-Ramos, 20, of Sonoyta, Mexico, the 12th survivor of the deadly crossing.

Lopez-Ramos and the other 11 have been held by U.S. authorities since Border Patrol agents found them in the desert east of Yuma last month.

The witnesses gave videotaped statements last week in which they described their harrowing crossing.

As conditions of their release, Sitver ordered the group not to leave Arizona without the court's permission, Shelby said.

Through the emergency witness fund, the government arranged for the group to have one month of paid housing, Assistant U.S. Attorney Susan Bradley said.

They will work at an air conditioning plant, Bradley said. She wouldn't disclose the location to protect the witnesses.

After they were found, the survivors said they wanted to come to the United States to work a while and eventually go back to their families in Mexico.

Phil Noland, an attorney for two survivors, told The Arizona Daily Star of Tucson that only one of the 11 is still hoping to return home before the trial.

"Just looking at these people in court, it amazes me," Noland said. "They went through this ordeal of watching their friends die and drinking their own urine."

"The way they talk about it, they don't choke up, they don't start crying," Noland said. "They're anxious to get out and start working."

The witnesses will give depositions again in a U.S. District Court in Phoenix on June 25, Bradley said. The trial against Lopez-Ramos is scheduled to begin in July.

Jury votes life, not death in terrorist attack

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A terrorist convicted in the deadly 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa was sentenced to life in prison without parole Tuesday after a jury couldn't agree on a death sentence.

The anonymous jury deliberated for five days over the fate of Mohamed Rashed Daoud Al-'Owhali, 24, who had confessed to his role in the Aug. 7, 1998, attack on the embassy at Nairobi, Kenya, that killed 213 people.

Al-'Owhali's life was spared one day after Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh became the first person executed by the federal government since 1963.

Under a 1996 federal law, prosecutors can seek the death penalty in terrorist murder cases.

Ten jurors concluded that executing him could make him a martyr for the terrorist cause; nine said it would not relieve the victims' pain; four said lethal injection is humane and the victim would not suffer; five found life in prison is a greater punishment; and four noted he was raised in a different culture.

"We the jury do not unaimously find that the death sentence is appropriate," the jury decided. "We understand that the consequence of this is that Al-'Owhali will be sentenced to life imprisonment without the possibility of release."

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